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REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/557,282
Filing Date	04/24/2000
First Named Inventor	Ananthapadmanabhan et al.
Group Art Unit	2654
Examiner Name	Donald L. Storm
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other (3 sheets of drawings)

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b.  Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$750.00

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)  
     One Month (\$110.00)  Two Months (\$410.00)  Three Months (\$930.00)

iii.  Other

CLAIMS	(a) Number Remaining After Amendment	(b) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(c) Extra Claims	Large Entity Fee	Fee Paid
Total*	25	28	0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
Independent**	4	4	0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE					\$860.00

\*If the number in column a is less than 20, enter 0 in column c.

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